



CHURCHILL COLLISION: Emergency services had a portion of Churchill Road N. closed off to traffic for over a half an hour on Tuesday morning as they dealt with an accident and resulting car fire. - *Iain Brennan photo*

November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month - Signs of Abuse

By Dawn Brown

November is Woman Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, and Diane Beaulieu, Executive Director of Halton Women's Place has provided a list of some possible warning signs that a loved one could be in a potentially abusive relationship.

- He puts her down**
- He does all the talking, dominates the conversation**
- He checks on her all the time, even at work**
- He tries say to he is the victim and acts depressed**
- He tries to keep her away from you**
- He acts as if he owns her**
- He lies to make himself look good or exaggerates his good qualities**
- He acts like he is superior and of more value than others in his home**
- She may be apologetic and makes excuses for his behaviour**
- She is nervous about talking when he's there**
- She seems to be sick more often and misses work**
- She tries to cover her bruises**
- She makes excuses at the last minute about why she can't meet you**
- She seems sad, lonely, withdrawn and is afraid**

If you suspect a loved one is in an abusive relationship, Beaulieu suggests

contacting a crisis centre for advice. Also, pulling her aside and validating her experiences. So often a victim of abuse is uncertain that the abuse is real and just her imagination, Beaulieu explained, so stating that you believe her is a good start. If you witness abuse, Beaulieu encourages you to speak out and tell the abuser that his actions are wrong, but to be careful that he doesn't turn on you. She believes having another male confront him may be more effective and safer.

Women are often hesitant to leave an abusive relationship for any number of reasons including giving up their home and going into a shelter, taking their children away from their father, fear that leaving will put them in more danger than staying, or that their partner will find them no matter what.

If you are faced with a loved one who will not leave an abusive relationship, Beaulieu encourages you to call a shelter and ask for a package that you can pass along to your loved one. This could open a dialogue as well as providing her with information for the help that is available to her.

If there was one thing Beaulieu wants women in an abusive relationship to know, it's that she believes them and there is somewhere to get help. "There is help available," Beaulieu said. "For her and her children."

For more information about Halton Women's Place visit the website at haltonwomensplace.com, or contact the crisis lines 905-878-8555 or 905-332-7892.



TOWN OF

HALTON HILLS

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

**MILL STREET EAST – YOUNG STREET TO WELLINGTON AND
MILL STREET WEST – DUBLIN LINE TO BIRCHWAY PLACE
RECONSTRUCTION, WARDS 1 & 2, ACTON**

The Town of Halton Hills is planning to improve to the above-noted streets starting in 2015.



You are invited to attend a Public Information Centre to learn about the planned reconstruction and discuss with representatives from the Town of Halton Hills. The Public Information Centre will be an informal meeting and you are invited to drop in at your convenience between the noted hours.

The Public Information Centre is scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2014
TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: Acton Legion
 15 Wright Avenue
 Acton ON L7J 2T7

Please let me know as soon as possible if you may have an accessibility or accommodation requirement at the Public Information Centre.

If you are unable to attend this Public Information Centre and wish to obtain more information or provide written comments, please address your concerns to:

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BRANCH No. 197  **LEGION NEWS**
 By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

I would like to thank all of the judges that helped me out for the Remembrance Day Poster and Literary contest. The students did beautiful work, it gets harder and harder to judge each year. On behalf of the Legion we would like to thank Pete's Barber Shop for letting us put in our window display for Remembrance Day. It was nice to see the BIA had a window display as well as Acton Auto Tech.

Our parade last Saturday for Remembrance Day was well attended. I think this year we had the most ever from our community. It is always nice to see so many come out

to support our veterans who are living and the ones that served and have passed on.

The Branch would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for a wonderful Remembrance Day dinner.

Last Friday evening, we had entertainment with Bill Nadeau. He always puts on a great show.

You just have a few weeks to renew your membership if you want to be an early bird for 2015. It will end on November 30, 2014

November 14 is the Legion Golfers' Appreciation Night with Jesse and Troy. There will be

karaoke and some of our Legion members will be singing and bringing their own music. I was told that there are also some surprises happening that night. The evening starts at 7 p.m. in the games room and everyone is welcome. There will be hot hamburger on a bun with gravy French fries and coleslaw all for \$7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for New Year's Eve dance at the bar. Live entertainment with the "Body Shop Boy's". We will have a light buffet, some door prizes along with spot dances. So get your tickets early, they are \$35 per person.